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TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 3529

INFO AMEMBASSY BONN IMMEDIATE

CINCEUR FOR POLAD AND OPS IMMEDIATE

CINCUSAREUR FOR POLAD, OPS & AEAGC-COC IMMEDIATE

CINCUSAFE FOR POLAD & OPS IMMEDIATE

USEMLO IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS 6708

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SUBJECT: GDR DETENTION OF US SOLDIERS

1. AT 1100 LOCAL JUNE 15 TWO, APPARENTLY INTOXICATED, U.S. SOLDIERS IN POV RAN THROUGH SONENALLEE CHECKPOINT (UU-965-1359 INTO EAST BERLIN WHERE THEY WERE DETAINED BY GDR BORDER GUARDS WHO REMOVED KEYS. US MP PATROL DISPATCHED TO SCENE DEMANDED THEIR RELEASE AND WERE TOLD TO GO THROUGH "USUAL CHANNELS." US POLAD INFORMED SOVIET PROTOCOL OFFICER ROMANOVSKY OF INCIDENT AT UK NATIONAL DAY RECEPTION AND DEMANDED RELEASE OF MEN. ROMANOVSKY ACCEPTED STATEMENT WITHOUT DEMURAL AND TELEPHONED HIS EMBASSY.

2. AT 1415 SOVIET OFFICER AND CIVILIAN ARRIVED AT CHECKPOINT

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AND ASKED US MP OFFICER WHAT HE WANTED. HE

REQUESTED RELEASE OF MEN AND VEHICLE AND SOVIETS SAID THEY
WOULD HAVE TO CONSULT WITH GDR AUTHORITIES. THEY DEPARTED
INDICATING SOLDIERS WOULD PROBABLY BE RELEASED IN 30-60
MINUTES.

3. AT 1545 GDR GUARDS PASSED MESSAGE THROUGH WEST BERLIN
POLICE THAT SOLDIERS WOULD BE RELEASED IF THEY SHOWED ID CARDS.
US OFFICER SENT REPLY THAT ID CARDS WOULD NOT BE SHOWN AND
EAST GERMANS RESPONDED THAT MEN WOULD NOT BE RELEASED. AT
1630 WE NOTIFIED EAST GERMANS THAT MEN WOULD SHOW ID TO
SOVIET OFFICER AND AFTER MAKING PHONE CALL, GUARD SAID MATTER
UNDER DISCUSSION BETWEEN SOVIET AND GDR AUTHORITIES. AT
SAME TIME US PROTOCOL OFFICER BEGAN TRYING TO CONTACT
SOVIET EMBASSY AND FINALLY REACHED RODIN AT 1730, RODIN SAID
SOVIET MILITARY AUTHORITIES WERE TRYING TO WORK MATTER OUT
WITH GDR AND UNDERTOOK TO PASS ON OUR REQUEST FOR SOVIET OFFICER.

4. USCOB CONCURS.KLEIN

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